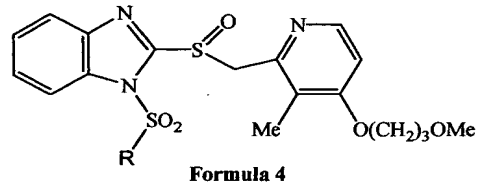
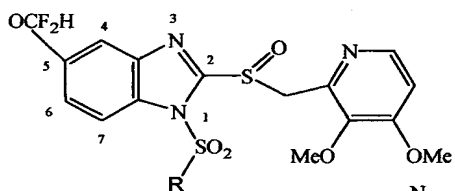
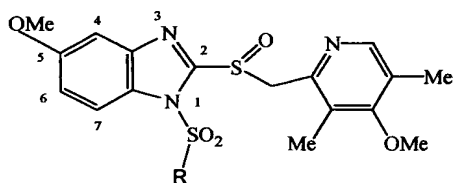
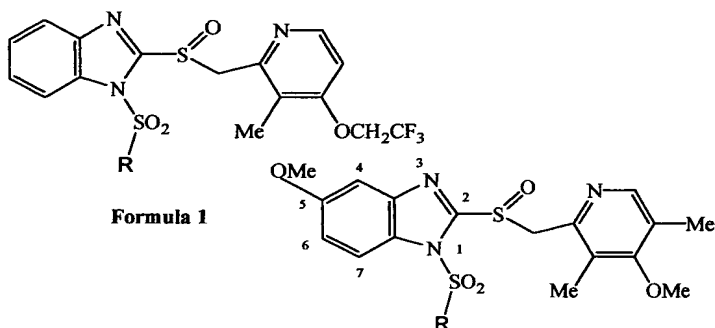


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Prodrugs of proton pump inhibitors of **Formulas 1 through 4**,



where the symbols are as defined in the specification, and the **R** group includes at least one acidic group or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt, have improved aqueous solubility and bioavailability.